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SUBJECT: IL-76 CARGO AIRCRAFT ENTERS REGULAR SERVICE

1. SHORT ARTICLE IN MAY 14 IZVESTIYA STATES THAT NEW IL-76 CARGO AIRCRAFT IS "PIONEERING WORKING TRAILS" IN SKIES OF WESTERN SIBERIA. THANKS TO THIS AIRCRAFT, NOTES ARTICLE, ECONOMICAL TRANSPORT OF VARIOUS CARGOES BY CONTAINER HAS NOW BEGUN TO OIL AND GAS REGIONS OF SAMOTLOR AND NADYM (TYUMEN' OBLAST). ARTICLE FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT IL-76, WITH CAPACITY OF 40 TONS, IS CAPABLE OF TRANSPORTING SUCH CARGOES AS TRUCKS, TRACTORS, AND EXCAVATORS. MECHANIZED LOADING-UNLOADING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD REPORTEDLY PERMITS CARGO TRANSFERS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED QUICKLY, RESULTING IN COST REDUCTIONS IN TRANSPORT OF GOODS.

2. COMMENT: TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IL-76 IS NOW IN SERVICE. IN HIS INTERVIEW IN JANUARY 1975 GRZHDANSKAYA AVIATSIYA, MINISTERBUGAYEV NOTED ONLY THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD RECEIVE IL-76 IN "NEAR FUTURE." FACT THAT PLANE FLYING CARGOES TO REMOTE REGIONS ON NORTHWEST SIBERIA WOULD APPEAR TO BE CONFIRMATION OF EARLIER REPORTS THAT IT CAPABLE OF TAKE-OFFS AND LANDINGS FROM PRIMITIVE (PROBABLY UNPAVED) AIRFIELDS.
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